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Jaycees Seek Entrants, Sponsors for Miss Agawam

Western Bank, Trust Reports Record Earnings

Western Bank and Trust Co. has reported record earnings and assets for 1973.

Net income reached a new peak of \$212,334, or \$2 a share, up from \$146,542, or \$1.38 a share, in 1972. Westbank's total assets rose to \$28.5 million, a gain of \$3.2 million over the previous year.

Loans and deposits hit new highs in 1973, with deposits rising to \$25.2 million, up \$2.6 million, while loans peaked at \$18.1 million, a gain of nearly \$2 million.

William A. Franks, Jr., president, noted the 181 per cent increase in the bank's total assets over the five-year period just ended, and observes that the record loan total of the past year "reflects the faith Westbank has in the economic future of the community."



The Agawam Jaycees will host their Second Annual Miss Agawam Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, April 20, at Agawam High School auditorium. The Agawam pageant is an official preliminary contest for both the Miss Massachusetts, and Miss America contests. The local contest is open to young women 18-28 who reside in Agawam, or a local area where no pageant is held. Entries are being accepted now, through contacting Dick Treganowan, 786-1912, or Paul Delskey 786-2978, or Jeanne Quill, the reigning Miss Agawam.

Support for the effort is being sought by the Jaycees. Individuals may aid as patrons through contacting Mrs. Gerri Milliken, 732-4259. Advertisers and sponsors are urged to contact Bill Kushin, 786-6053. Tickets for the event will be on sale shortly, from all Jaycees. They may also be purchased at Agawam Food Mart.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club

Agawam Junior Women's Club Public Affairs Chairman, Mrs. Carol Treganowan announces that a "Crime Prevention for Women" film has been added to the previously scheduled program on self-breast examinations to be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street.

The crime prevention movie will be presented at 9 p.m. by Agawam Safety Officer Stanley Chmielewski and will show ways for women to protect themselves against such crimes as purse-snatching and assault.

Robinson Park P.T.O. To Meet

The P.T.O. of the Robinson Park Elementary School will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 28, in the school cafeteria, at 8 p.m. There will be a business meeting followed by a program pertaining to "The Energy Crisis and Its Effect at Robinson Park School." There will also be the raffle drawing for the Basket of Irish treats and a door prize will be awarded.

A coffee hour will follow.

Homesite Realty Adds Representative

Homesite Realty, Inc., has announced the appointment of William Anderson as sales representative.

Anderson attended the University of Massachusetts School of Business and brings a wealth of experience to the real estate firm's large staff.

Both Anderson and Pat Lyons, also a sales representative of Homesite, have successfully completed Course I of the 1974 Winter Realtors' Institute of Massachusetts at the High Point Motor Inn, Chicopee, according to an an-

nouncement by Robert P. Nolin, Dean of the Institute. Presented by the Massachusetts Association of Real Estate as a segment of its Program of Continuing Education, the course covered such subjects as Construction, Real Estate Law, Marketing, Finance, Appraising, Advertising, Land Economics, Listing Techniques, Office Organization, and Ethical Practices over a 30-hours period.

Anderson and his wife Chris reside at South West Street, Feeding Hills.

Agawam Women's Kitty Broman Club To Meet Wins National Award

The Agawam Women's Club will meet on February 25 at 8 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

The evening is planned with an international setting. "Keiko" Mandish will be the guest speaker, giving a delightful talk entitled, "My World of the Rising Sun".

During the evening there will also be a display of international items. All members are welcome to add to the display by bringing articles they have received or brought home from a foreign country.

The invocation will be given by Mrs. Earl W. Glidden and hospitality is under the direction of Mrs. William Thorpe.

Membership to the club is open to all women of Agawam. For further information, contact Mrs. Clifford Catchpaugh, membership chairman or Mrs. Lewis S. Kalesnik, president.

Kitty Broman of WWLP, Springfield, Massachusetts, recent national winner of the "FRANY" Award for best television reporting of women's fashions, has again received national honors for reporting of men's fashions. Kitty was first runner-up in the competition for the "Lulu" Award of the Men's Fashion Association at the Spring-Summer Press Festival of Men's Fashions at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas.

She was honored for her reporting of men's fashions on her "Kitty Today" program, seen on WWLP Channel 22 at 9:00 a.m. five days a week. The presentation was made by Gale Sayers, star halfback for the Chicago Bears NFL team for many seasons. She also received congratulations from Bob Griese, quarterback of the Superbowl Champion Miami Dolphins.

Kitty received the "FRANY" (Fashion Reporters Award New York) last month from the New York Couture Council.

Fashion news is one of the many features which make "Kitty Today" a western New England favorite. Homemaking, community affairs and entertainment also receive much attention from hostess Kitty Broman, who has had her own daily program on WWLP since 1955. She is vice-president of Springfield Television Broadcasting Corp., which operates WWLP, WKEF (Dayton, Ohio) and WRLP (Keene, New Hampshire). She is also Adviser on Consumer Affairs for First Bank and Trust Company of Hampden County, a member of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, and the only woman ever nominated for the National Association of Broadcasters Television Board.

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CITIZENS CAMERA

Rick Sardella, pinch-hitting for Inquiring Reporter Jan McGeary, asked the following: "What impact do you feel the proposed \$40 million development on the Feeding Hills Country Club grounds will have on the town's economy?"



"Progress has to come, and it's better to have a planned area like this instead of areas fragmented all over town." Officer Stan Chmielewski, 637 North St., Feeding Hills.



"If carried through in the true concept of a small planned community, rather than just another shopping center and apartment complex, I believe it would be an asset to the town. Taxes paid to the town would increase through the sale of condominiums and certainly merchants in town would benefit through higher population." Bob Tetreault, Rack 'n Cue, Agawam Bowl.



"My first impression was that it will contribute to the development of the area." Mrs. Brouillago, 157 Thalia Drive, Agawam.

SPAN Needs Volunteers

SPAN, the Agawam community counseling center, is again recruiting volunteers to work in various programs.

Volunteers are needed to work on the Helpline, to do telephone counseling and referrals. Volunteers are also needed for the brother-sister program. Tutors are needed to help high school dropouts prepare for the high school diploma equivalency test.

All volunteers will be trained and prepared for these tasks. Volunteers will learn to be resource people through training and group experiences. Groups such as theater of spontaneity, Gestalt group, kid's group, alternative high group and women's group will provide opportunities for personal growth.

SPAN is looking for warm, interested people able to commit a certain amount of time each week either during the day or in the evening. Training for new volunteers will begin in the middle of March. To sign up or for more information, please call SPAN Center, 786-6410.

Agawam Citizens Organization

March 6
A.C.O. Executive Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Location to be announced.

March 10
SPAN Center Open House, 2-4 p.m.

March 31
A.C.O. 4th Annual Dinner Dance, West Spfld., Agawam Elks Club. See Article on Dinner Dance.

April 3
A.C.O. Executive Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. 100 South Park Terrace.

Church Supper March 9

The Agawam Congregational Church will hold a Meat Pie Supper March 9, serving from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets for adults, \$3.00 and children under 12, \$1.25. Reservations can be made by contacting Ruth Atwater 734-2343 or Helen Andrews 786-8183. Please make reservations before March 6.

Editorial

It is our opinion that anyone who wishes to become a writer must — among many other things — be a reader.

Leaving any religious connotations aside, the Bible is probably the best reference book a writer may turn to. It is man's greatest literary expression.

Rousseau thought that all the books of philosophers were meager and contemptible compared to it. Walt Whitman said of it that "translated in all languages . . . it has united the world . . . there is not a word, not a verse, but is thick-studded with human emotion." And James Frazer, author of The Golden Bough, described it as "the epic of the world."

It's title comes from the Greek word "biblia" — which means little books. It is a library spanning twelve centuries from 1000 B.C. to the early years of the second century A.D. It includes more than sixty different kinds of writing.

It can be read through from beginning to end or read portions of it at random. It can be rare reading pleasure either way. It is a book which can abundantly satisfy you. Whatever reading interest you may have can find its objective in it: primitive war, songs,

riddles, graphic history, drama, poetry, literature of wisdom, biography, expressions of love, perfect little short stories.

In the Old Testament alone you can read, in Genesis, a poem which tells the origin of the universe through a metaphor. Its theme is stupendous, the language is stately and grand. The Fall of Man and his exile from the Garden of Eden is pure drama at its best. The story of Joseph, expansive in its setting and subtle in characterization, is a finely executed short story. The story of Moses and the escape of the Jews from Egypt is a narrative that has become part of the consciousness of the entire human race.

The Book of Psalms is an imperishable anthology of sacred poetry. The fragment called "The Song of Songs" may be read as one of the most sensitive of all love poetry. And no author has ever written a novel as perfect as the exquisite story of Ruth, a cameo-like pastoral tale with a wonderful surprise ending.

All of us — at any time — can read the Bible and add to our assets and build up an inventory that isn't even taxable.

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MONDAY, MARCH 4
Cup of soup, luncheon meat sandwich, mustard or mayonnaise, potato chips, buttered beets, fruit crisp, milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5
Hamburg on buttered roll, mustard, ketchup, or onion, buttered broccoli, steamed buttered rice, wacky cake w/butter icing, milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
Baked hamburger & macaroni w/meat & cheese sauce, creamy cole slaw, Italian bread and butter, dessert, milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7
Hamburg gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, bread and butter, school baked cookies, milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8
Cup of tomato soup, 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter & jelly sandwich, carrot & celery sticks, chocolate brownies, milk.

MONDAY, MARCH 11
Cup of vegetable soup, pizza w/cheese & tomato sauce, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, tossed salad w/spinach greens & dressing, milk.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
Steamed frankfurt on buttered roll, parsley potatoes, buttered carrots, school baked cake w/butter icing, milk.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
Cup of juice, meat ball grinder w/tomato sauce, creamy cole slaw, potato chips, dessert, milk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
Oven baked turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, bread and butter, fruited jello w/whip topping, milk.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
Baked fish square w/tartar sauce or ketchup, buttered kernel corn, steamed rice, ice cream, milk.

CABLE TV BOSTON BRUINS HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Thurs., Feb. 28,
Detroit 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 2,
Detroit 2:00 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 3,
Toronto 8:00 p.m.

Cable TV Programs

CHANNEL 38, BOSTON
(Cable Channel 7)

Monday-Friday
AM
10:50 Early News
11:00 Tom Larson Show

PM
12:00 Can You Top This?
12:30 Beat The Clock
1:00 Jack LaLanne Show
1:30 Mr. Magoo
2:00 Flipper
2:30 Tennessee Tuxedo
3:00 Porky Pig
3:30 Bugs Bunny
4:00 The Three Stooges
4:30 F Troop
5:00 McHale's Navy
5:30 Andy Griffith
6:00 Beverly Hillbillies
7:30 Wild, Wild, West
8:30 Everything Goes
10:00 The Saint
11:00 Laugh Classics
12:00 Late News

AM
12:30 Late News

Saturday
AM
10:55 Early News
11:00 Laugh Classics

PM
12:00 Beat The Clock
12:30 Wrestling
3:00 Saturday Matinee
4:30 Wildlife Theatre
5:00 Daktari
6:00 Century Cinema
8:00 Saturday Showcase
10:00 Ten O'Clock Movie
11:30 Viewpoint on Nutrition

AM
12:00 Faith For Today
1:30 Late News

Sunday
AM
7:55 Early News
8:00 Worship For Shut-Ins
8:30 Porky Pig
9:00 Bugs Bunny
9:30 Gulliver
10:00 Huck Finn
10:30 Mr. Magoo
11:00 Hour of Power

PM
12:00 Builders Showcase
12:30 Wally's Workshop
1:00 Bruin's Hilites
1:30 Laugh Classics
2:30 Right ON!
3:00 Wagon Train
4:30 Comedy Festival
6:30 Bold Ones
7:00 Bruins Wrap-Up
7:30 F-Troop
9:00 The Saint
10:00 Ask The Manager
10:30 The Drum
11:00 Human Dimensions
11:30 Ronda Musicales Hispana
12:00 Late News

CHANNEL 56
(Cable Channel 11)

Monday-Friday
AM
10:30 New England Newscene
11:00 New Zoo Revue
12:00 I Love Lucy

PM
12:30 Dialing For Dollars
2:30 Huck & Yogi
3:00 Speed Racer
3:30 Batman
4:00 Little Rascals
4:30 Flintstones Hour
5:30 Gilligan's Island
7:00 Movie
11:00 Dragnet
11:30 Movie

Saturday
AM
8:30 Music & The Spoken Word
9:00 Day of Discovery
9:30 Kathryn Kuhlman
10:00 To Be Announced
10:30 This Week In The NBA
11:00 Wrestling
12:00 Roller Games

PM
2:00 Matinee
4:00 Outer Limits
5:00 Hee Haw
7:00 The Untouchables
8:30 Night Gallery
9:00 Hollywood's Golden Years
11:30 Movie

Sunday
AM
7:30 Huckleberry Hound
8:00 Speed Racer
8:30 Batman
9:00 Lost in Space
10:00 Flintstones Hour
11:00 Little Rascals
11:30 Gilligan's Island
12:00 Movie

PM
2:00 Movie
4:00 Big Movie
5:30 Movie
7:30 Lucy-Desi Comedy Hour
8:30 Lou Gordon
10:00 Dr. Norman Vincent Peale
10:30 Night Gallery
11:00 Point of View
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Books In Review

By Jeanne Hofman

There was a time when most Vermont town in the winter of books written for teen-age 1898. The death of his mother readers could be easily leaves Millie's boy alone, catagorized; girls would read facing the possibility of being nurse stories by the hundreds, sent to the county home for and boys could choose from orphans. Unwilling to resign countless variations of sports' himself to this fate, and armed adventures. You will still find with a few clues to his books of that type on our mother's mysterious past, he library shelves but teens sets out on his own to search aren't reading them much any for the father he has never more. Instead, they are known.

choosing and reading the Along the way, he is at- kinds of novels that reflect tacked by wild dogs, nearly their own deep concern with drowns in a lake, and is social problems and human rescued from certain death by relationships. They are a lady doctor named Fern reading books that deal with Bodeen. She takes him home the realities of life; books that where she and her niece, Amy, explore tragedy as well as supervises his recuperation. comedy; books that, above all, These two females are as are relevant to their own colorful and appealing a pair experiences as young adults. of characters as anyone could

It isn't just the subject meet, so it's no wonder that matter that makes these Millie's boy responds to their books so popular. It is the spirited nursing.

quality of the writing that Now, it would be an injustice keeps these books circulating. to the reader to tell any more In fact, there are so many of this story—you will want to extraordinarily talented read it for yourself to enjoy all authors writing in this field of its earthy humor and hair- that adult readers are missing raising adventures.

a lot if they don't try a few for In this book there is no themselves! It would be a preaching of moral values, no shame if teachers and softening of life's harsh librarians remain the only realities. Yet, it carries a segment of the adult message of optimism that population to share this fine makes it a really satisfying literature with the teenagers. experience. Try it. If you like

One of the best of these new it, you can share it with your authors is Robert Peck. His friends—of all ages! first novel A Day No Pigs *FINAL NOTE: If you would Would Die was critically like to sample other books by acclaimed, and has been other authors too good to be highly recommended for catagorized strictly for adults readers of all ages. His newest or strictly for teens, come to book is Millie's Boy and it is the library and ask us about another one that is just too them. We have been reading good to be catagorized into one them ourselves, and would specific age group. love to share the pleasure with

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Heritage Needlework, Patchwork, Quilting

A program tracing the discussion. history and types of pat- Miss Davis will also discuss chwork, its purposes and the quilting, and its various types, fantasy world of American as it relates to patchwork and designs and names is being as an elegant embellishment planned by the Hampden for clothing. County Extension Service. The earliest patchwork Virginia Davis, University of served economical and thrifty Massachusetts Extension purposes. Gradually it specialist in Textiles and evolved into a decorative art. Clothing will speak Wed- for the home, with patterns' nesday, Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m. at closely related to early Extension Offices, 1499 American life and history. Memorial Avenue, West Quilting, on the other hand, Springfield. Everyone at- ornamented both clothing and tending is encouraged to bring home furnishings. examples of patchwork or This program is open to the quilting for display and public and free of charge.

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Agawam Hockey Assoc.

Standings as of Feb. 10, 1974

8-10 Squirts	DIV	PLACE	W	L	T	PTS	G.F.	F.A.
Agawam American	N	2	10	3	0	20	60	22
Agawam Blackhawks	S	1	9	2	2	22	40	16
Agawam Canadnians	E	3	6	5	1	13	32	20
Agawam T's Mite	W	1	13	0	0	26	82	3
10-12 PEEWEES								
Agawam Aces	N	2	7	3	3	17	50	37
Agawam Braves	S	4	8	4	2	18	50	35
Agawam Blue	W	4	5	6	2	12	39	35
12-14 BANTAM								
Agawam Indians	N	4	6	4	2	14	26	22
Agawam Bees	E	6	5	7	1	11	29	34
Agawam Flyers	W	6	5	7	1	11	25	34
14-16 MIDGETS								
Agawam Aces	N	4	5	5	1	13	31	23
Agawam Bees	S	10	2	12	0	4	16	43

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Feb. 26
Basketball: Agawam vs Chicopee Comp, Home
Hockey: Agawam vs Classical, Coliseum
Skiing: Agawam vs Northampton and Westfield, (tri meet)
Note: Feb. 26 is the official end of all winter sports schedules.

It is impossible for us to contact all athletic organizations in Agawam. If there is an organization that you would like to see covered in our sports page, please call the Agawam Citizen at 786-7683, or Sardella at 786-0058.

Palazzi Awarded Candian Silver Medal

An invitation was extended to two Agawam youths to participate in the Hockey exhibition games between the Palazzi scoring one of the goals. After the games three medals were presented: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Steve Palazzi won the Silver Medal with the 10-12 A West Springfield Hockey Team. won 5-1, with DeCosmo & Tommy Palazzi both scoring two goals. The second game was awarded to two of the Canadians.

Basketball Banquet Scheduled

The annual basketball awards banquet for the Agawam High School Team will be held on Sunday, March 17, at the Polish-American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills at 6 p.m. Head Coach Clifford Kibbe assisted by Coach William L'Heureux will present awards to the basketball players. The players receiving senior awards are Steve Byrnes, Cliff Kibbe, Dan Lunden, Dave Michalak, Bill Stone and Mark Manna. The guest speaker for the event will be the head football coach of Chicopee High School, Chairman of the banquet, Mrs. Carol Lunden is being assisted by Mrs. Rita Conte, Mrs. Mary Ann LaBranche, Mrs. Gail Stone, Mrs. Lucy Byrne, Mrs. Marion Ekstedt, Mrs. Carol Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Chmielewski, and Mrs. Caroline Bassett. All persons interested in attending the banquet may obtain tickets by contacting Basketball Parents Association President Mrs. Carol Lunden, Mrs. Lucy Byrnes or any of the Agawam basketball players.

AAA Stages Successful Basketball Contest

Agawam Athletic Association's first annual Basketball Free Throw Contest proved to be a fine success. More than 250 boys and girls participated in the contest held at the Agawam High School Gym on Feb. 16. This is actually the contest's third year of existence. The first two competitions were sponsored by the Elks. Age brackets for the contest range from 8-16 for both girls and boys. The object of the contest is to make as many foul shots as possible out of ten tries. To qualify for the finals a youngster must net at least 3 out of ten. All finalists are again awarded ten tries, and the youngster who makes the best percentage is declared the winner. Each victor in every age bracket is presented a trophy for his efforts, which makes the contest more interesting for participants. When first entering the gym through a massive maze of screaming children, and confused parents and contest officials, one had to wonder "How in the world could the contest ever get underway"? But basketball commissioner Bob Hersey and his helpful aides soon had the contestants lined up in an orderly manner as the contest got underway. Shouts of joy, and groans and sighs soon filled the air as the participants competed. Winners in the girls competition were Cindy Ann Drake, eight year old, Laurel Masi, nine year old, Paula Gagnon, ten year old, Jean Stork in age 11, Julie Edwards, victored in age 12, Debbie Gagnon 13, Maureen Conroy, 14, Lelia Soffen, 15, and Jane Benerakis triumphed in the 16 year old division. Boys winners included Jeff Losito, 8, Navin Yacteen, 9, Paul Burnett, 10, Abe Yacteen, 11, Stuart Stork, 12, Greg Burns, 13, Mike Hersey, 14, and Eddie Mason, who won the 15 year old group, showed uncanny accuracy in his foul shooting, swishing 9-10 from the charity line.

Agawam Athletic Association

AAA Boys Basketball Standing		16-18	AAA Girls Basketball Standing		16-18
8-10	W	L	451 Dealers	5	0
			Best Hoopers	5	1
Frasco Builders	6	0	Yankee's	3	2
Chriscola	5	1	Knights	1	4
Legion Post 185	5	1	Trojans	1	4
Feeding Hills Auto	4	2	WS-Elks	1	4
Duda Rubbish	4	2	76ers	0	5
Joe Beans Auto	3	3			
Elks #1	2	4			
Agawam AA#1	1	5			
Elks #2	0	6			
Agawam AA#2	0	6			
10-12					
Depalma's	5	0	Pee Wee's	6	0
Wonder Meats	3	2	Panda's	4	2
Elks #2174	3	2	Red Devils	2	4
Agawam AA#1	3	2	Midnight's	0	6
St. John's	1	4			
Agawam AA#2	0	5			
13-15					
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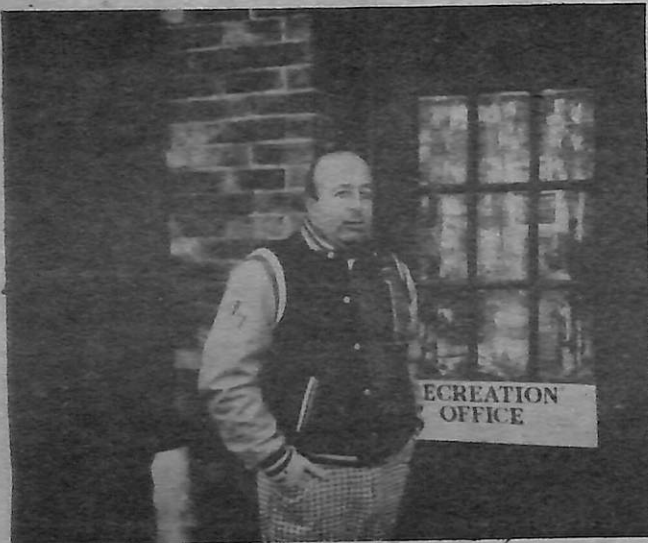
PROFILE OF THE WEEK

BY RICK SARDELLA

Ever wonder why Agawam has one of the finest Park and Recreational Programs in the area? No, its not because Agawam appears to be the center of the universe. Nor is the reason being that Agawam is the so-called "promised land." But the fact of the matter is, an unsung, energetic, fellow named Jack Kunasek happens to be at the helm of this town's ever expanding Park and Rec program.

Jack Kunasek has held the post of P & R director since July, 1969. When he first took over his new position, Agawam's P & R activities were rather limited. The town had virtually no equipment and a very modest P & R budget of \$22 thousand. Through the efforts of Kunasek and countless individuals in Agawam, P & R now has equipment, machinery, and a budget of \$200 thousand. "We also have a full time maintenance staff and a full time Assistant P & R Director," Kunasek said.

"The town has been willing to accept the fact that P & R is an important function, and the town has been very cooperative as far as allotting funds to the P & R Dept. as a self sustaining organization," he explained. Jack pointed out that there will be a great need for more land in order for future P & R expansion. He stated that there are areas in Agawam now under consideration for this purpose.



Kunasek proudly said the youth and adult programs have doubled and he cites the Agawam Athletic Association and the Agawam Hockey Association as Key organizations in the continuing success of town sports.

When quizzed on what makes him so enthusiastic about his job Jack said simply, "I like to work with people, especially the kids. I've always been involved in sports at one level or another." Coaching is always a pleasure for Kunasek as through the years he has gained vast experience in handling kids. At one time he was Agawam's varsity and JV hockey coach, and he currently is assistant line mentor on Agawam's varsity gridiron. He coached Southwick's American Legion squad a few years back, and now during the baseball months he will even umpire a game or two.

Jack Kunasek originally comes from West Side, but he has resided in Agawam for most of his life. His senior year at Agawam was interrupted when he left its hallowed halls to serve Uncle Sam as the Korean Conflict intensified in 1951. He held the rank of sergeant in the First Marine Division, artillery forward observer. "I was the dummy who carried the heavy radio," Jack reminisced. After receiving an

HIGH SCHOOL ROUND UP

Consecutive victories Each squad came out against Minnechaug and East Longmeadow have put Agawam back into the Division I tournament scene, as the Brownies own a record of 11-7, needing only one more victory in their final two games to clinch a post season berth.

The Brownie's latest clutch verdict was a 58-50 decision over East Longmeadow's scrappy Spartans on Feb. 19. First period action saw the Spartans jump out to a quick 13-6 advantage as the Brownies could not get un-track. Sophomore Mark Winnie, playing in his first full varsity game helped spark a swift Agawam comeback at the end of the quarter, knotting the contest at 14 all. East Longmeadow hit two quick buckets at the outset of the second frame but Agawam came right back to deadlock. "EL's" hot shooting continued, and by the 2:30 mark they led by six, 26-20. Danny Lunden rifled in two bombs from downtown bringing Agawam to within two. With only 42 seconds remaining, EL had the Brownies down by four at 30-26. A nifty 15 foot banker by Dave Michalak and Danny Lunden's 20 foot buzzer hoop stalemated the battle at intermission, 30 a piece. Brownie reliables Steve Byrne and Tommy Quinn had cold shooting first halves, but by the end of the night both would be typically instrumental to Brownie success.

honorably discharged Kunasek finished high school at Suffield Academy in 1953. Before entering as Agawam's P & R Director, he gained experience in the field at the Westfield YMCA and Southwick Rec Center. He currently is attending undergraduate classes at Springfield College in Community Rec.

Every winter Jack, his wife and three children take a vacation to Florida. His pastime is fishing, but again his work only permits him this hobby on occasion. Good humored and very easy-to-talk-to best describe Jack. He always jokes about his baldness and he has a sign in his office which reads, "One thing about baldness, it's neat!" "I'm always kidding with the kids about their long hair compared to my scalp," he grinned. "I remember a couple of the guys on the varsity football team wanted to present me with a bottle of brush and comb, plus a jar of turtle wax at this years football banquet. They backed down because I already have a bottle of each," he said while massaging his head.

The burden of future P & R success lies mainly on this man's shoulders, but Jack Kunasek never complains, he loves every minute of it!"

Each squad came out shooting "cold turkey" in the first minutes of the third stanza. Play was beginning to leave something to be desired. Tommy Quinn ignited the tempo, as the flashy guard went on a spree of hitting five shots in a row, giving Agawam a 40-38 at the 2:05 mark. EL tied it at 42-42 with seconds remaining, but once again Danny Lunden's spinner beat the buzzer, giving Agawam a two point edge with 8 minutes to go.

The Brownies reeled off 8 straight points to take a 52-44 margin with 5:40 left. Agawam could not put the Spartans away as their deliberate offense and suddenly tough defense brought them back to within 52-50 with 1:50 ticking on the clock. Steve Byrne's driving layup with 1:38 remaining put EL back into a four point bulge, then "Byrnsy" blocked a Spartan shot following his hoop giving Agawam back the ball, and more importantly sealing EL's fate. The Brownies started to run down the final seconds forcing EL to intentionally foul Quinn, who calmly sank both charity shots, icing the hard earned win. Quinn led Agawam scoring with 20, Lunden chipped in 14, and Byrnsy collected eight in an off evening for Steve.

The Brownies bombarded Minnechaug 64-42 on Feb. 15 avenging an earlier humiliation at the hands of the

Falcons. Both squads shot poorly in the early going with play very dull and sluggish. Tommy Quinn's scoring and Dave Michalak's rebounding brought Agawam out of their rut, while it took its toll on the Falcons. Agawam led at half 24-13, and by virtue of their rebounding and Minnechaug's all around terrible play, Agawam led by a distant 49-23 at the end of three. The Brownies fast break offense vaulted them to a 31 point advantage with 3:27 remaining. Coach Cliff Kibbe cleared the bench for the final minutes giving subs some playing time. Tommy Quinn led Brownie flack with 19, followed by Steve Byrne with 16. Dave Michalak was a terror under the boards throughout, finished with 16 rebounds.

HOCKEY

Berry Division powerhouse and arch-rival West Side handed Agawam a 6-1 thumping on Feb. 16 before a huge throng at the coliseum. From the outset of the first period the Terriers carried play into the Brownies zone. Agawam had problems generating any kind of offense, while West Side continued to pepper Agawam goalie Gary Brown. But Brown was holding firm under the intense Terrier pressure until the 4:29 mark when a Terrier forward cleared the puck from behind the net to an uncovered teammate right outside Brown's crease. The Terrier blasted the puck by the outstretched Agawam netminder who never had a chance. Brown held off the hungry Terriers to that lone goal, as the first period ended with the Brownies down only by 1-0.

Brown stopped a streaking Terrier forward who had broken through the Agawam defense creating the semi-breakaway situation at only the 24 second mark of the second period. Brown continued to play brilliantly, but West Side tallied their second goal of the evening at 3:20, on a tip in shot. Leading 2-0 the Terriers continued to apply tremendous on "Brownie" until they finally broke through him for the third time with only 54 seconds left in the period. Throughout the entire

second frame the Brownies could not penetrate into West Side territory, mustering only one shot on goal in the period.

Agawam's best scoring opportunity came in the first minute of action in the final period, as Brian Keeley was stopped from point blank range. Suddenly Agawam skaters were buzzing around the West Side net, waking up the Terrier goalie from his evening's nap. In a wild scramble in front of the Terrier net, Jeff Nolan managed to poke the disc in through a maze of blue and white, cutting the Terriers lead to 3-1. The goal coming at the 2:06 point. West Side quickly exploded for three twing the twitters in the next 6 minutes, as they once again took over game domination. Gary Brown finished the night at 10:28, receiving a fine ovation for his excellent performance. Brown stopped 38 Terrier blasts, while his mates only managed 14 at the other end.

The Brownies edged Ludlow for the second time this season 2-1 on Feb. 20. Randy Economidy scored both Agawam goals to lead Agawam. After Ludlow took a 1-0 first stanza margin, Economidy's first goal deadlocked the bout at 4:57 into the second frame, with the assist going to steady Pete Longhi. Economidy's came winner came off assists from Longhi and Brian Keeley at the 1:08 mark of the third quarter. Agawam held off a late Lion surge to preserve their hard fought victory. Gary Brown turned in another stellar performance, stopping 24 Lion drives.

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